

Nso language

Nso (*Lamnso*, *Lamnsɔʔ*) is the Grassfields language of the Nso people of western Cameroon. A few may remain in Nigeria. It has ten major noun classes.^[4] The ISO 639-3 code is Ins.^[5] Nso is spoken by over 100,000 people.^[6]

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Phrases

- Beri wo. Thank you.
- Wikijung. You are welcome.
- A sahka? What news? (Greeting).
- Sah ka yo dzə. No news (Reply) OR M bo sa. I am fine.
- yirannia. Good morning.
- A sahka mbuni. How did you sleep?
- Aresi nia. Good afternoon.
- yi ginia. Good evening.
- Buni kijung. Sleep well.
- A ber ni kibveshi. Good bye until tomorrow.
- Njemse jungsi. Sweet dreams.
- Wuna wosa. And to you.
- Nyuy sævi wo. God bless you (Greeting).
- Vishi vejungvi. Good luck.
- Ghan kijung. Safe journey.
- Fo mo. Give me.
- A du fe? Where are you going?
- Yir yee dzə la? What is your name?
- Yir yem dzə Luckong. My name is Luckong.
- A dzə wan la? Whose child are you?
- M dzə wan Lukong. I am Lukong's child.
- Fon Nso dze la? Who is the traditional ruler of Nso?

Nsɔ	
<i>Lamnsɔʔ</i>	
Native to	Cameroon
Native speakers	240,000 in Cameroon (2005) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grassfields<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ring<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nsɔ</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Ins
Glottolog	lamn1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/lamn1239) ^[2]

Nsɔ ^[3]	
People	Nsɔ
Language	Lam-Nsɔʔ

- Jing yar mo. I am hungry.
- Ki long ki yum mo. I am thirsty.
- M kong wo. I love you.
- Marir mo. Marry me.

Animal names

- baa: leopard
- jwi: dog
- kan: monkey
- kitam: elephant
- bvèreh: lion
- shishuiy: duiker
- bvey: goat
- njii: sheep
- nyaar: buffalo
- buhn: squirrel
- yo: serpent
- kinchiy: cricket
- taa ngam: spider
- ngam: tarantula
- kuurra: hyena
- ngvev: chicken
- kibeve: he-goat
- kibar: lizard
- kiliim: bat

Other nouns

- shuy: sun
- mindzev: water
- ngwa: book
- nanar: pineapple
- lav: house
- kitukelav: roof
- nsaalav: floor
- shulav: door
- ntah: chair
- gham: rug
- nton: cooking pot
- lang: bowl (typically a small bowl)
- bar: cup
- nkaa: basket
- sum: farm
- minkkah: firewood

- shishuur: pepper
- chinyuu: spoon
- mintanin: junction
- la' cu: house of worship (church)
- kitengteng: vehicle
- sang: rice
- kitukelav: roof
- saav: file
- tu': Irish potato
- mbulam: sweet potato
- kiku': cocoyam
- kingom: banana
- nyam: meat
- mbang: walking stick
- yiy: mom (mother)
- tar: dad (father)
- jemir: sister (relative)
- tamir: brother (relative)
- feer: relative (A general sense. Example: M dze feer wo: I am your relative)

Adjectives

- lum: hot
- rə : cold
- Dzer: Heavy.
- Sen: Dark.
- Fer: White
- Shi'ir: Bitter.
- Nyom: Sweet.

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